

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the phone interview conducted on February 27, 2008. During that interview, the Examiner requested the clarifying amendments made above to the claims. Applicants believe that these amendments do not change the scope of the claims and do not add new matter. During the interview, the Examiner agreed to reopen prosecution of this case upon receipt of this Response.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-3, 5-11, 13-18, 22-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,604 (Anderson) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,299,538 (McIntyre) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,271,845 (Richardson) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,456,306 (Chin). In view of the February 27, 2008 interview, these rejections are moot.

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Amdt. dated February 27, 2008
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
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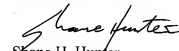
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,


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